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Tech hubs eager for Kanata rail line

TRANSIT

City to study project, will split $2- $3M bill with feds

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Light rail to Kanata is officially on the books — and it's about time, businesses say.

Mayor Jim Watson announced Wednesday the city will study a light rail line from Bayshore to Palladium Drive.

They'll split the $2- to $3-million bill with the feds, and the prep work won't be finished until 2019. Construction won't begin until 2023 or later, depending on funding.

But it's a crucial step towards fast-tracking a project the city wasn't even going to consider until after 2031, said Kanata South Coun. Allan Hubley.

And it's a critical part of attracting young, car-free talent to Kanata's tech hubs, which contribute $7.8 billion to the economy and have productivity levels three times the national average, according to recent report.

"There's a lot of younger people coming into the business and fewer and fewer of them are driving," said George Chamberlain, CEO of Pleora Technologies.

It's hard to know who's turning down jobs because of transit, but Chamberlain said his bus-riding staff struggle to take advantage of flexible hours or get to downtown meetings.

Kanata North Coun. Marianne Wilkinson said local companies regularly complain about poor bus service to their business parks.

"I get calls from people saying, 'We're hiring young people, they don't have cars. They can't get here,'" Wilkinson said.

But this train will change the game, said Kanata-Carleton MP Karen McCrimmon.

"You need to connect our business parks with our research hubs with our universities," said McCrimmon. "Those connections are absolutely critical."

A big question mark still hovers over the Canadian Tire Centre, which will likely lose the Ottawa Senators to LeBreton Flats sometime in the next decade.

Owner Eugene Melnyk couldn't be reached for comment, but Watson said "there's no question" the arena's fate will impact final LRT decisions, including preferred routes.

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Ontario's new climate change plan

By now you've probably heard about it, but aren't sure what exactly it means. The Ontario government has unveiled a sweeping five-year plan to stop climate change, and will spend up to $8.3 billion over the next five years with hopes of reducing annual carbon emissions by 9,832,000 tonnes, which adds up to taking 2.3 million cars off the province's roads. But who has time to read an 86-page document? Metro breaks it down so you don't have to.

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Good news if you want an electric car. **You'll be able to get a rebate** (up to $14,000 per vehicle) for buying or leasing an electric vehicle until 2020, and up to $1,000 per home charging station until 2020.

You can also **get money for replacing your old exhaust-spewing car** with a hybrid or electric vehicle.

Telecommute to save the planet: The plan wants to provide more opportunities for civil servants to work from home so they're not clogging roads, as well as grants for companies and cities to encourage telecommuting and flex-work schedules.

People who want to **charge their electric vehicles at home** will also get a rebate on their hydro bills that makes charging free.

Gas prices at the pumps will also rise next January by 4.3 cents a litre.

Building codes for homes and offices are changing to make it **mandatory for new ones to have electric car charging stations**.

The bad news: Your gas bill is going up. The plan will be paid for by proceeds from the cap-and-trade system, which the province joined in April 2015. As a result, the average monthly natural gas bill will go up by $5, and the average monthly household energy cost will go up by $13.

The government wants to protect renters (who can't control the heating systems in their homes) from the price of carbon. The document says "legislature and/or regulatory change" will be looked at.

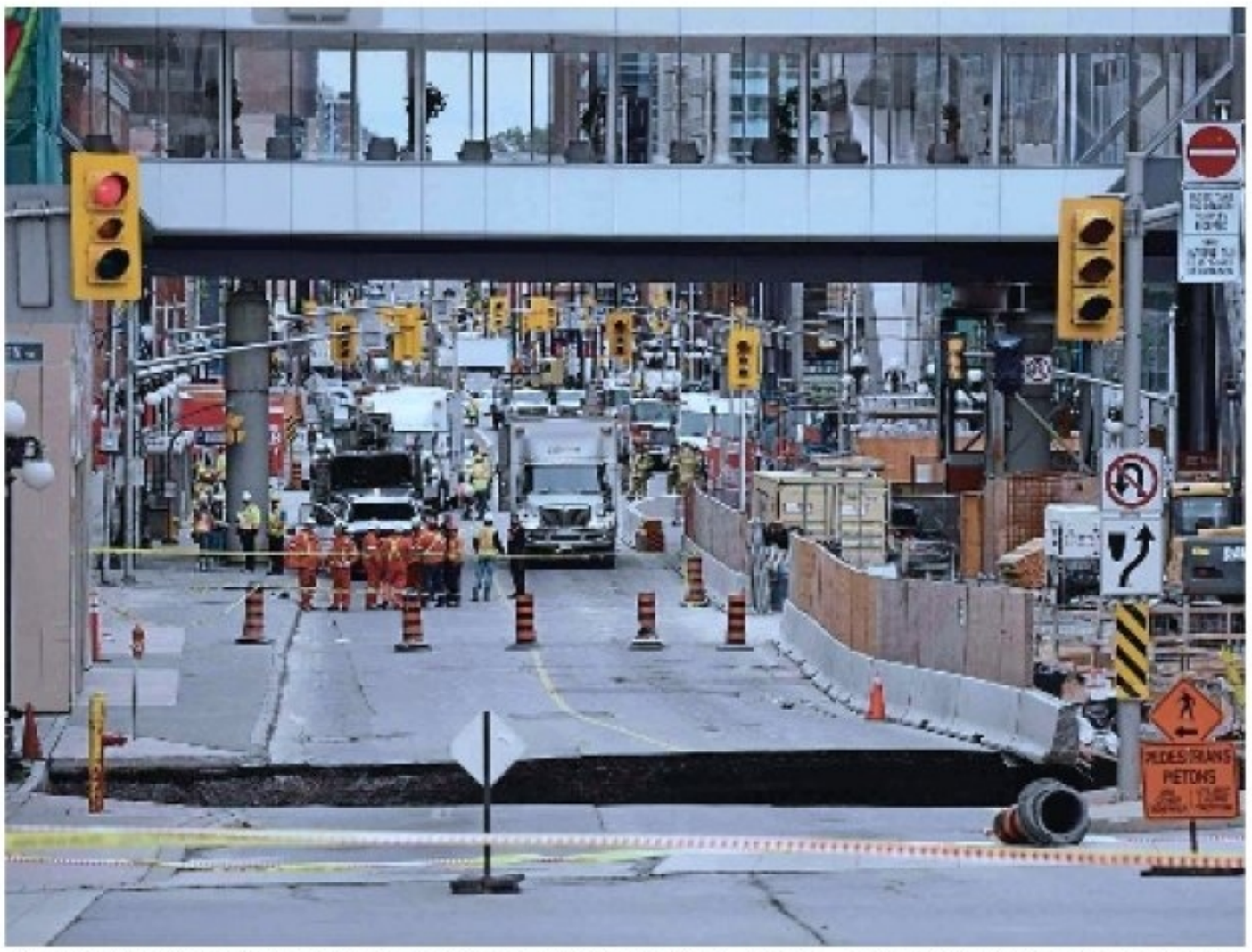
The province **pledges to build better cycling networks** for commuters and more bike parking but is short on details.

What went down on Rideau?

How a large sinkhole in downtown Ottawa disrupted things on Wednesday morning

First responders look at the large sinkhole that formed on Rideau Street next to the Rideau Centre mall on Wednesday.

Water splashes as falling debris hits the bottom of the sinkhole.



It is unclear if a broken water main, or construction on the light-rail line — or both — were factors that caused the sinkhole.

The Shaw Centre, Rideau Centre mall and Westin hotel are evacuated after the sinkhole formed next to the Rideau Centre mall.

Onlookers check out the scene.

JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS PHOTOS

EYEWITNESS

City searching for answers after sinkhole on Rideau Street

Joe Lofaro & Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Andre Da Costa knew something was wrong when the power went out in his building Wednesday morning. But it wasn't until he rushed outside that he realized a cavernous sinkhole had engulfed a huge chunk of Rideau Street, creating confusion and chaos in the heart of downtown Ottawa.

"The police and firefighters are telling us to get back, get back, get back," Da Costa said.

Piece by piece, the road fell away until the sinkhole spanned nearly the entire width of Rideau Street, only metres from the intersection of Sussex Drive, just down the road from the Parliament Buildings.

A van parked on the road fell into the hole, a moment captured on a bystander's phone and shared widely on social media. Da Costa saw it happen right before his eyes.

"There's some smoke or some dust or water spray coming up out of the sinkhole and then the roadway starts giving away underneath the loading zone in front of the Chapters," he said.

"And there was a minivan parked on that loading zone and then that started to tip and then fell into the sinkhole."

The city is now left searching for answers. Officials at a news conference Wednesday afternoon could not immediately say if crews excavating the last 50-odd metres of the light-rail line — between what will be Rideau Station and Colonel By Drive — had anything to do with the street's collapse.

Crews were working in the tunnel at the time, but the Rideau Transit Group says no one reported any injuries and no one is missing. The Rideau Centre was evacuated as a precaution and the area around the sinkhole was cordoned off.

Also unclear is whether a broken water main caused the street to fall in on itself. The city says it is trying to determine if the broken water main caused the sinkhole, or if the LRT digging was to blame, or if it is some combination of the two.

Steve Cripps, director of the Rail Implementation Office (which is overseeing the Confederation Line construction), said crews have been using special mining equipment and taken "all necessary precautions."

There is still no timeline on when hole will be fixed.

"The short and simple answer is we just don't know how long it's going to take," said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, noting that downtown commuters should rethink their routes.

LOOKING BACK

Other Ottawa-area collapses

Highway 174 – Sept. 4, 2012: A large sinkhole on Highway 174 swallowed a man's silver Hyundai on Sept. 4, 2012. Luckily, driver Juan Pedro Unger survived the incident. As it turned out, a large culvert under that stretch of the highway at Jeanne d'Arc Boulevard had been slated for a repair job. But civil engineering firm B.M. Ross and Associates found the city didn't identify the problem soon enough. The firm encouraged the city to improve its road infrastructure to prevent future sinkholes.

Gatineau – Sept. 8, 2012: Also in September 2012, three sinkholes opened up in Gatineau. At least two were caused by broken water mains, but heavy rain was also to blame.

Orleans – Oct. 7, 2013: Almost a year after the Highway 174 sinkhole, a smaller hole opened up on St-Joseph Boulevard in Orleans. This time, it was due to a water main break. Once again, the city had already planned to fix the aging concrete pressure pipe. Since the Highway 174 incident, staff said they were working through a backlog of infrastructure upgrades throughout the city. However, other areas had taken a higher priority than St-Joseph.

Sandy Hill – Feb. 21, 2014: A sinkhole opened up above the digging site of an LRT tunnel on Waller and Laurier streets on Feb. 21, 2014. The Rideau Transit Group later said it was a result of "unanticipated soil conditions."

Highway 148 – July 2, 2014: Heavy rains washed out a portion of Highway 148 in Western Quebec on July 2, 2014. It caused a nine-metre-deep sinkhole, according to media reports at the time.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Fighter jets sent up at drone sighting

NATIONAL SECURITY

Dispatched over capital for protection

Two CF-18 fighter jets were scrambled into the skies over Ottawa after reports of a large drone flying near commercial jets.

The fighters were dispatched from their base in Bagotville, Que., and were quickly over the nation's capital after the pilots of two arriving airliners spotted the unmanned aerial vehicle during their approach into Ottawa's airport on May 25.

While the presence of drones has become increasingly common, scrambling fighter jets to intercept them is a rare occurrence, suggesting this incident alarmed security officials.

"What we're concerned with from a NORAD perspective, obviously, is any unidentified aircraft," said Maj. Steve Neta, senior public affairs officer for the North American Aerospace Defence Command Canadian region headquarters.

Neta could not say why fighter jets were deployed in this incident. But the fact it was a large drone, flying over the nation's capital probably factored into the decision to scramble the jets.

The airspace around Ottawa airport — like most major airports in the country — is controlled by air traffic controllers to ensure the safe separation of aircraft.

Some airspace is barred to low-flying aircraft because of security concerns, such as over the Parliament buildings, Rideau Hall, the prime minister's cottage retreat in Quebec's Gatineau Hills and the secret training facility for JTF2, Canada's special forces soldiers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CF-18s were dispatched to Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. PERRY ASTONPS

COMMUNITY

Help poor with transit: Councillor

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper hopes there's still time to create a low-income transit pass for Ottawa's working poor.

OC Transpo staff released options Wednesday for funding a $3.3-million pass out of existing fare revenues, but Transit Commission chairman Stephen Blais hinted they won't fund it with city money.

"We've requested the province pay for a low-income fare, and if they come to the table with those funds, we'd be able to produce one," Blais said.

That's not good enough for Leiper, who said he's "doing the math" on the proposed new fare table, set to come into force next January, to come up with a "palatable alternative" for next week's commission meeting.

Waiting on provincial money isn't ideal, Leiper said, given that city's working poor — who don't qualify for discount passes — will be saddled with a $7 monthly fare hike next year if the commission accepts staff's recommendations.

"I'm looking at the higher increase and not seeing the alternative proposal for those who are struggling," Leiper said.

OC Transpo general manager John Manconi released three options for funding the pass.

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper wants the city to create a low-income transit pass. EMMA JACKSON / METRO

The first would cut steeply into other discount rates, like youth and senior passes, except the community pass.

Another would see a 3.7 per cent hike across all monthly passes, and a third option would raise the adult pass 5.2 per cent.

Healthy Transportation Coalition past president Trevor Haché said he hopes the city can "think creatively" before next week to propose options "beyond simply asking other bus riders to pay more."

Blais said the province should pay because the pass is a means-tested social service.

IN BRIEF

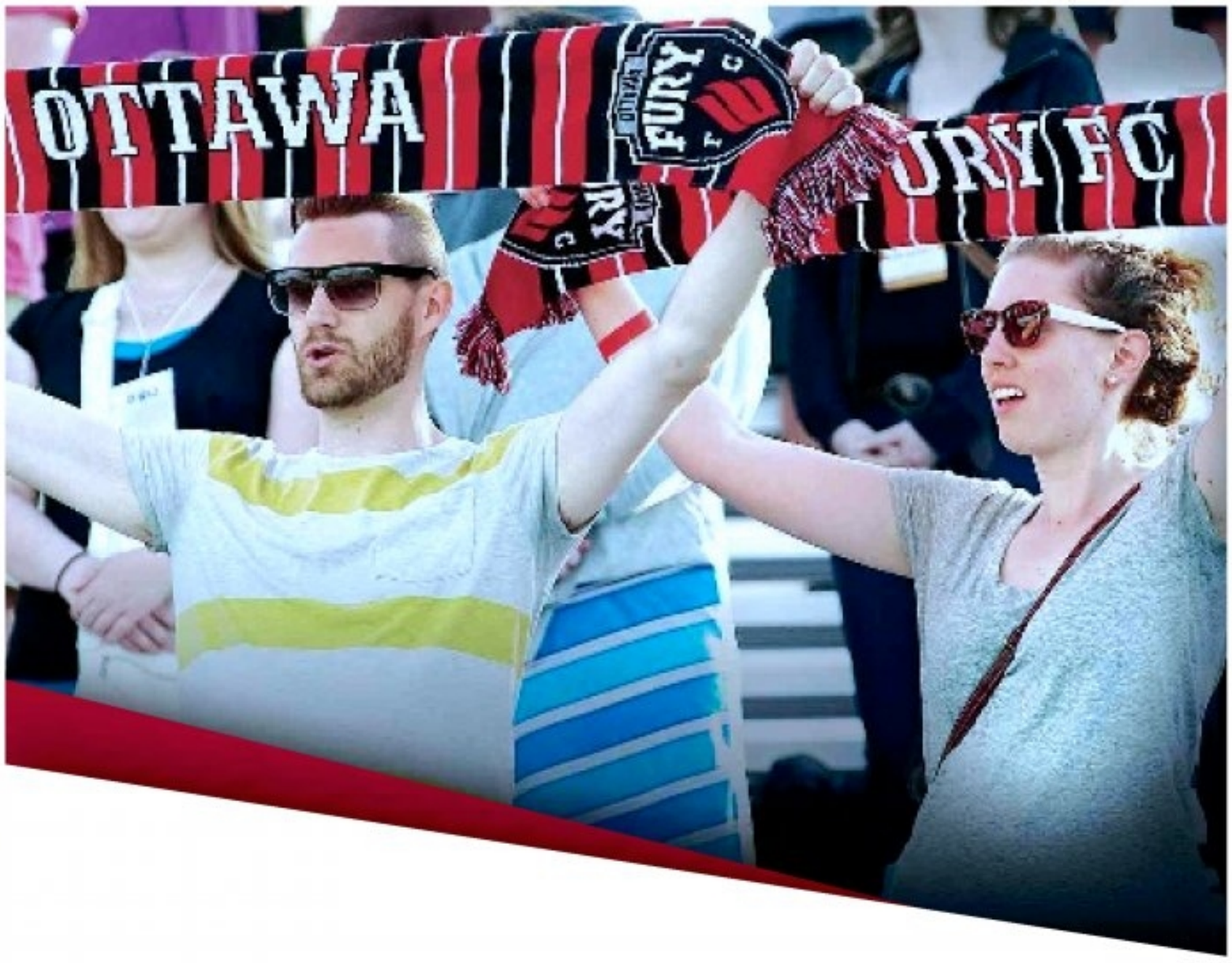
Ottawa tops list of Canada's best cities

MoneySense Magazine has named Ottawa the best city in Canada in which to live.

The rankings are determined by a number of factors, such as population, safety, amenities, housing affordability, weather and commute.

Ottawa scored 71.7 out of 103 possible points. Burlington, Ont., came in second with 70.6 points, followed by Oakville, Ont. Gatineau finished seventeenth overall.

Ottawa hasn't made the top spot since 2012, but it usually makes the top five. In 2015, Ottawa came in second, and the city finished in fourth place in 2014. HALEY RITCHIE/ METRO



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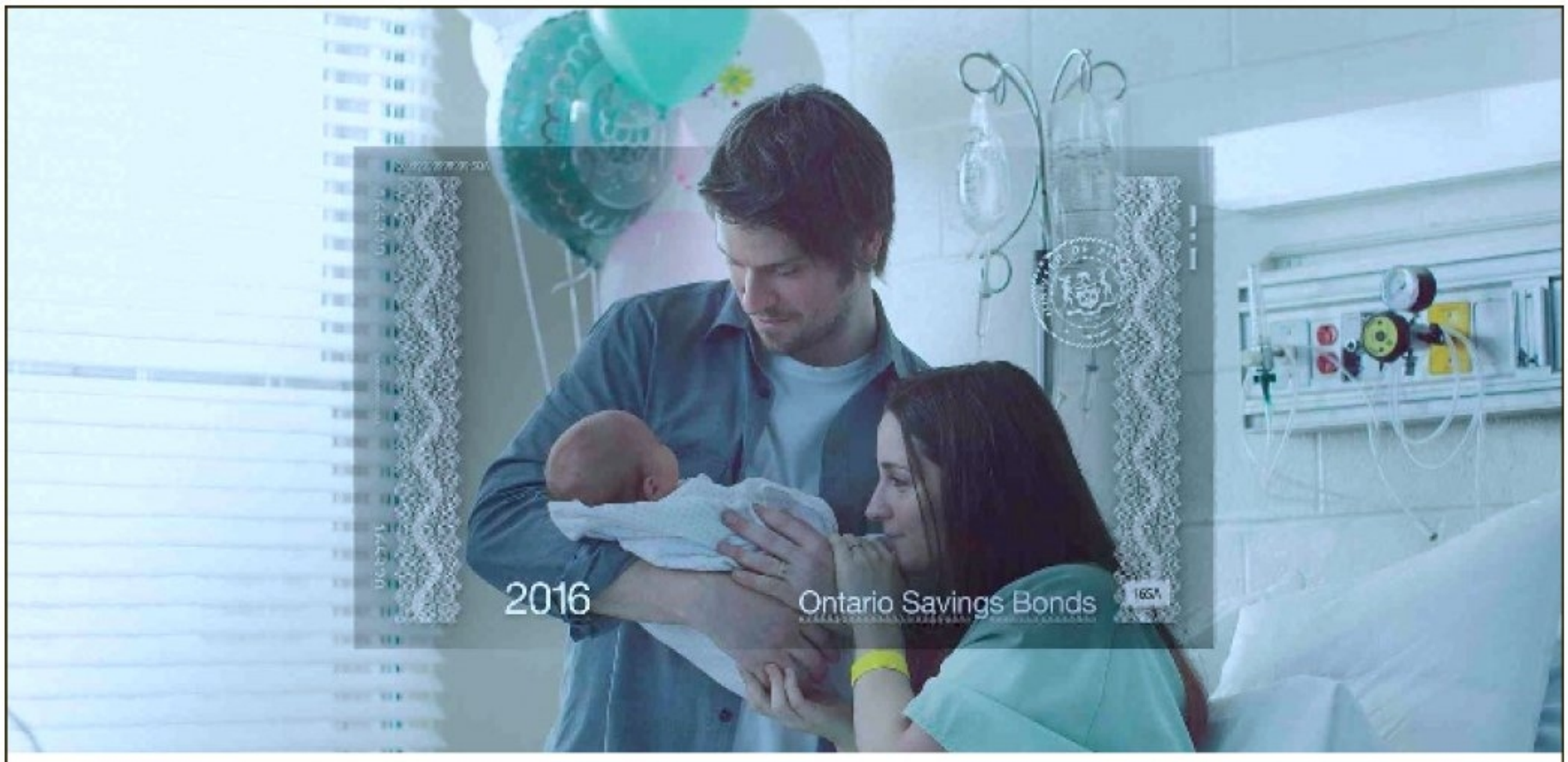

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Entrepreneur cracks open 'boys' club'

GENDER ROLES

CEO aims to ease entry into the tech field

Lucy Screnci
Ottawa Business Journal

Ever a trailblazing entrepreneur, Sue Abu-Hakima is keen on making the technology and business sectors more accessible for women and minorities.

The CEO of Amika Mobile has broken barriers by standing out in the software-engineering sector, a field typically dominated by men.

"We need to shift from a boys' club to more of an inclusive club," she says. "We need to do our best to encourage women to take on risk, without funding, for example."

In addition to proposing a venture fund exclusively for women, Abu-Hakima has been rallying industry partners and government agencies to allow women to access funding more easily.

Now that Abu-Hakima is a veteran tech CEO, she notes that she relentlessly encourages young people to go into the science, technology, engineering and math fields, especially women.

> **We need to do our best to encourage women to take on risk.**
> Sue Abu-Hakima

Despite sometimes sticking out in the industry, she has forged on. Her journey as an entrepreneur has led her to develop technology that now saves countless lives.

After exiting her first company, Amika Now!, nearly 10 years ago, Abu-Hakima launched Amika Mobile in 2007. She used the capital from her exit — in addition to government grants and support from angel investors — to fund the company.

Amika Mobile is a broadcast technology platform that allows emergency alerts to be issued on any device on a network, using automatic discovery technology. Amika is currently the only vendor in the world with this capability.

Spurred by several mass shootings in the United States, Amika has recently partnered with Tracer Technologies, a firm that makes sensors that trigger an emergency alert to people nearby when a gunshot is detected.

KEEPING THE PEACE

Asked for tourists, got the Hells Angels

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

When Mayor Jim Watson talks about hosting more big events in Ottawa, a mass gathering of outlaw bikers is not what he has in mind.

But the Hells Angels have chosen the Ottawa area for a national "Canada Run" meeting. About 900 bikers, including Angels members and affiliated junior clubs, will cruise into the city for the event July 21-24.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Watson is not thrilled.

"I wish they weren't coming to Ottawa," he said. "It's not exactly something any city or mayor wants to have."

The Hells Angels have a reputation for violence and drugs but are known to behave themselves during regular national meet-ups, which happen every four years.

Len Isnor, a detective staff sergeant with the Ontario Provincial Police's Biker Enforcement Unit, said the force is working with its municipal counterparts to monitor the event.

"When you have this many Hells Angels or associates in one place at one time, we have to have the manpower available that should something serious happen we can take control of that crime scene so we can properly investigate," he said.

Watson has previously said he wants to boost tourism through big events such as conferences or sports events.

While these bikers aren't the tourists he's looking for, they may benefit the local economy like any other big convention.

According to Torstar News Service, Hells Angels members are known to leave large tips at bars and restaurants during their national meet-ups.

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Hells Angels members arrive for their World Run gathering on June 3, 2016 in Rynia, Poland. JANEK SKARZYNSKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Shopify launching pop-up shop at airport

E-commerce giant Shopify will host a two-day "ShopiFLY" pop-up shop at the Ottawa airport beginning today to show off some products from Canadian entrepreneurs who have used the tech company's platform.

The Ottawa-based firm, which is marking one year since its debut on the New York Stock Exchange, will also give airport visitors guides for starting their own entrepreneurial ventures.

The pop-up will run from 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Friday. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Exotic evacuees seek home

FORT MCMURRAY WILDFIRE

More than 65 lizards, snakes and dragons at humane society

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Lizards, bearded dragons and snakes, oh my.

The Edmonton Humane Society is currently home for 65 animals rescued from Fort McMurray. Most of their owners are AWOL and most of the pets are exotic.

Society chief executive, Miranda Jordan-Smith, said while her staff has been able to obtain contact information for some owners, using the addresses where the animals were found, they currently have no way of reaching the owners of about two thirds of the new animals.

So, if you're still hoping for a joyful reunion with your ball python, red-bellied newt or tarantula, she'd love if you could get in touch.

"We don't normally see this volume, so it is pretty unusual to have this sheer number of exotic animals," Jordan-Smith said.

While the Society has found food and shelter for all its new guests, Jordan-Smith said it's been an adjustment for a team accustomed to tending cats and rabbits.

"It's definitely a change in menu," she said. "Some of the snakes require frozen mice, crickets need to be fed to certain reptiles, and the veterinary rounds have changed as well."

This bearded dragon at the Edmonton Humane Society is looking for a home. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

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When the human residents of Fort McMurray evacuated, the Alberta SPCA went around to rescue as many pets as possible. They brought the animals to Edmonton, where they were distributed to different rescue groups for safekeeping.

Having a large, well-equipped facility, the Humane Society stepped up to take the exotics.

They initially were dealing with about 200 of them and carved out three separate areas within the shelter for their new tenants, whose care has been overseen by veterinarians and vet techs.

While Jordan-Smith admits she's not exactly a snake person, she said her staff has been excited about the challenge of new species.

They're committed to getting these animals back home, but said that in coming weeks they may have to look at adopting some of them out, if owners don't turn up.

SEXUAL HEALTH

Racy ad campaign launched

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Alberta Health Services' new advertisements may be a bit ballsy for the older crowd but, when it comes to millennials, they hit the nail on the head, said a local marketing expert.

On Friday, AHS launched its STI awareness campaign, sporting phrases like, "Go balls deep without losing sleep," "Keep your vajayjay yay-yay," and "Give her the big O, not the oh-no!" across social media platforms.

The campaign is a result of April statistics that showed an 80 per cent spike in gonorrhea rates and a doubling of syphilis infections across Alberta, largely blamed on social media hookup sites, said the Alberta government.

Mohammed El Hazzouri, assistant professor of marketing at Mount Royal University, said the ads would likely draw blanks with older folks but score points with the young crowd.

The ads, created by AHS's communications team, cost $250,000, and shy away from typical fear-based tactics, he said.

This advertisement, "Keep your vajayjay yay-yay," encourages women to ensure they don't have STIs. CONTRIBUTED

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IN BRIEF

Canada signs international treaty aimed at reducing child labour

Canada has added its signature to an international treaty that aims to reduce child labour around the world. Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk made the announcement Wednesday in Geneva.

The treaty requires ratifying member states to set a minimum age for employment of at least 15 years. It also bans hazardous work for young workers under the age of 18, unless specific measures are put in place.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

'Be aware, fight back,' says Nova Scotia group

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

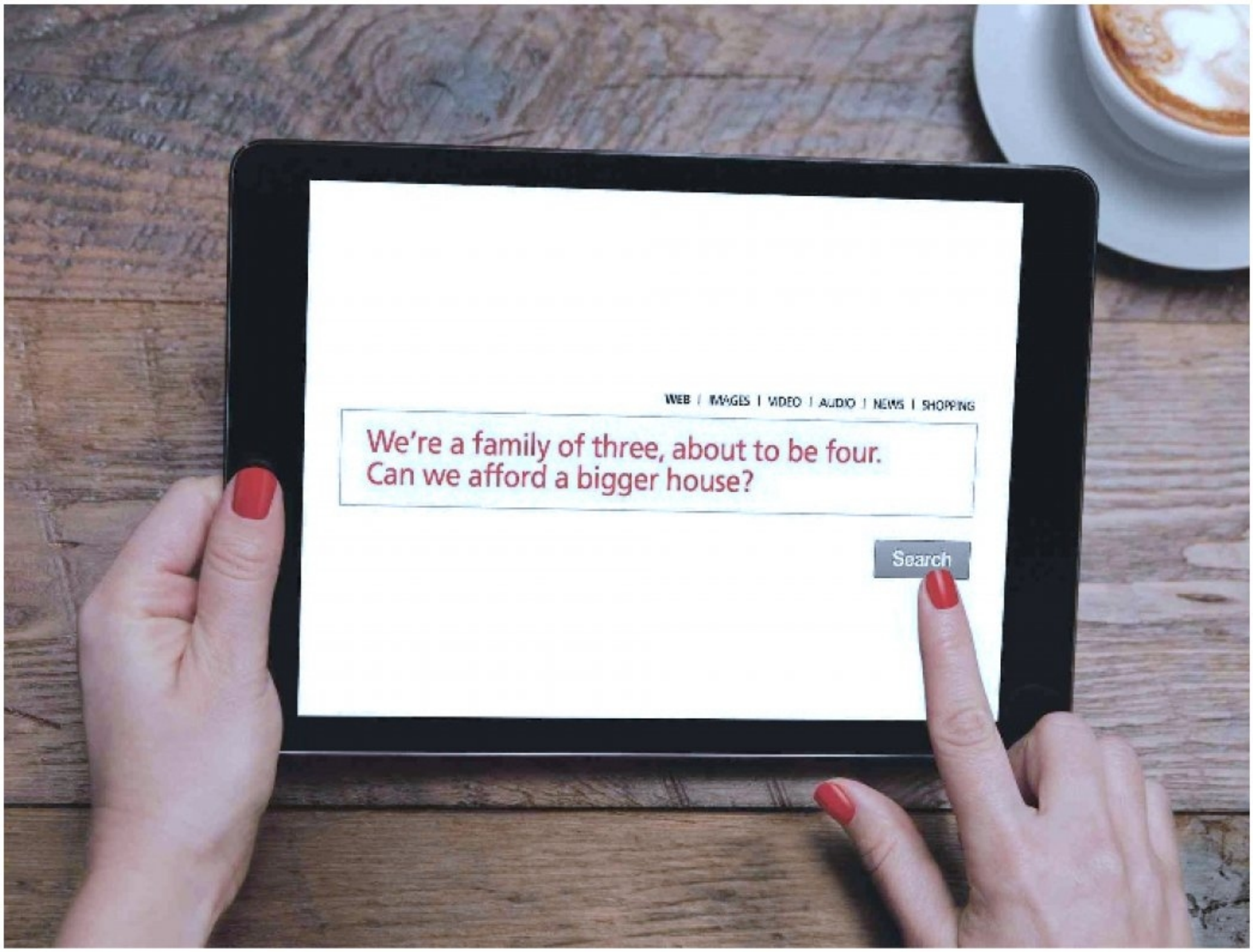
After multiple daylight attacks including one on a runner in a Halifax park, Run Nova Scotia is encouraging runners to remember to be aware of their surroundings and to fight back.

The non-profit group representing the province's runners took to social media on Wednesday morning, tweeting to a Metro Halifax story: "Many recent daylight attacks, could happen anywhere. Be aware, fight back if need be. It's your life/body: defend it."

"We are constantly thinking about safety. Being seen by motorists and cyclists, watching for loose dogs in the park and unfortunately, yes, sometimes we have to look out for assaults," said Ian McGrath, vice chair of Run Nova Scotia.

McGrath said running with others in groups is the best way for runners to protect themselves. But if you're going to run alone, he said he advises people to always be aware of their surroundings.

"If you want to pop in your ear buds and zone out to Taylor Swift that's wonderful, but maybe that's something to be done on the treadmill more so," he said. "If you're going to be out in the public space you have to watch out for dogs, cars, cyclists ... It all comes down to being aware of your surroundings."



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Sanders soldiers on

U.S. ELECTION

He's been clobbered in campaign, but he won't quit

America's self-styled political revolutionary remains on the battlefield after losing the war to Hillary Clinton.

Bernie Sanders isn't ready to go.

He's lost a majority of states in the Democratic primaries, the popular vote, elected delegates and unelected superdelegates, and has been clobbered in the biggest remaining states.

But an electric energy rippled through his youthful crowd as he declared his intention to march on — at least to the final primary next week in Washington, D.C., then perhaps to next month's Democratic convention.

Sanders is said to be feeling combative, is bitter about how he's been treated by the Democratic party and is brushing aside staffers who are insisting on the need for party unity, according to a story published by the web outlet Politico.

"The struggle continues," the senator told a California crowd.

"I am pretty good at arithmetic. I know that the fight in front of us is a very, very steep fight. But we will continue to fight for every vote and every delegate."

Bernie Sanders. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

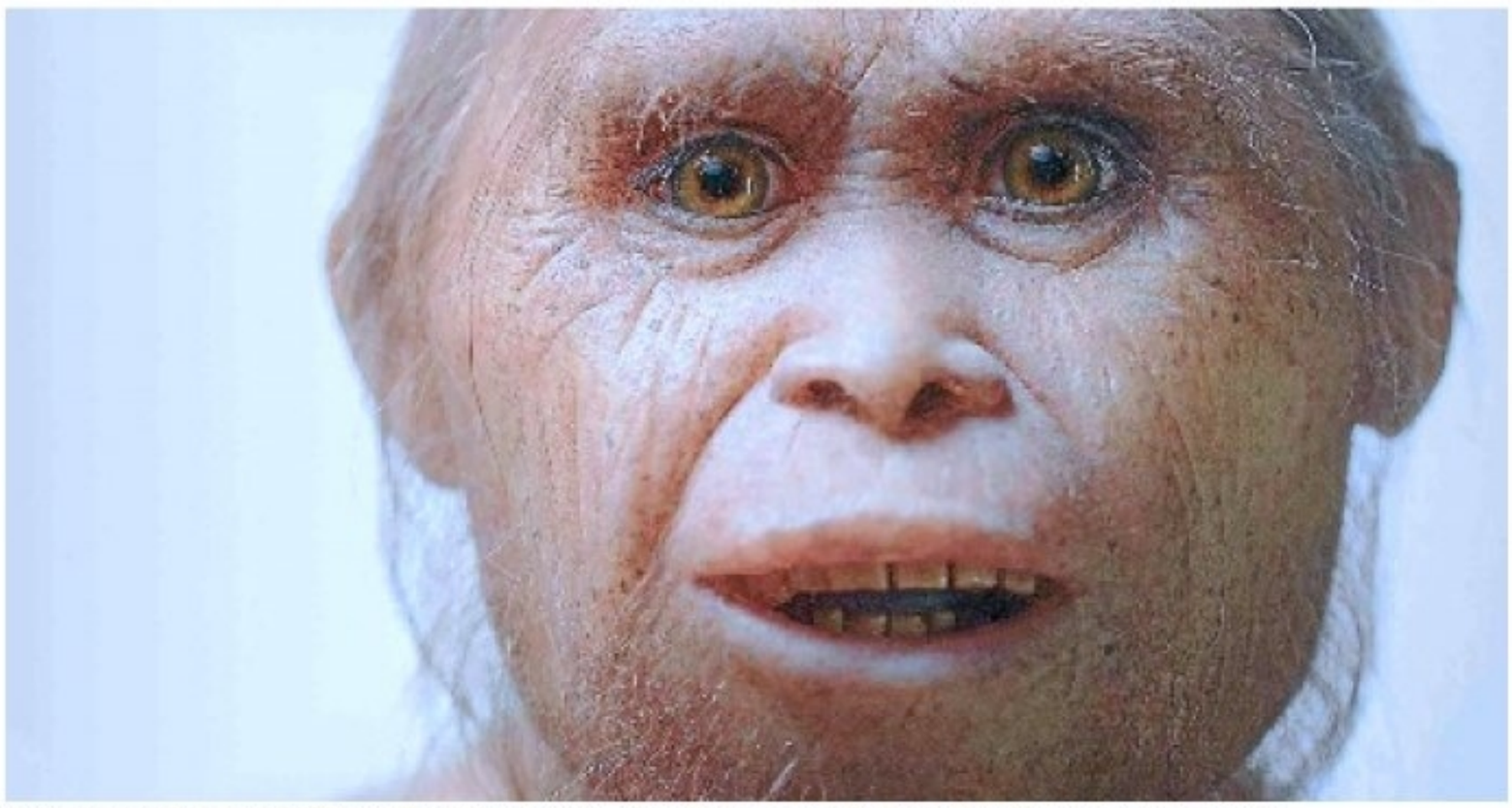
The sound of the crowd hinted at Democratic disunity.

While his supporters cheered his reference to stopping Republican Donald Trump, they cheered even longer and louder when he described his campaign as something greater than defeating Trump — it's about transforming the country with a platform of more social programs and less money in politics.

On the very night she made history as the first female presidential nominee of a major U.S. party, a Democratic audience jeered Sanders' reference to receiving a gracious phone call from her.

Sanders raised his hands in a half-hearted effort to silence the boos.

His battlefield exit strategy could start taking shape Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A reconstruction model of Homo floresiensis at Sangiran Museum and the Early Man Site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCIENCE

Ancient 'hobbits' older than believed

Human evolution is usually portrayed as a neat linear progression, from hunched primate to tall, proud man. In 2003, a discovery on the Indonesian island of Flores scrambled that narrative.

In a cave called Liang Bua, researchers found the nearly complete skeleton of a tiny human who lived between 50,000 and 100,000 years ago, and who stood just over a metre high. They declared it a new species, officially called Homo floresiensis, but quickly nicknamed the "hobbit" hominin. But almost everything about these extinct people was a mystery. Where did they come from, and how did they get there?

On Wednesday, researchers writing in the journal Nature announced they had discovered much older, even tinier human fossils on Flores.

The 700,000-year-old remains are helping scientists understand the origins of one of the most enigmatic members of our genus.

"These guys survived there for 650,000 years or so, which is quite amazing," said Bence Viola, a professor of paleoanthropology at the University of Toronto, who was not involved in the research.

The research team found the new fossils in 2014 at a site called Mata Menge, which sits more than 70 kilometres away from the Liang Bua cave.

In a layer of sediment that dates to 700,000 years ago and also contained stone tools and fossils of several animals, the researchers discovered a jaw fragment and teeth belonging to at least three individuals. Amazingly, the jaw was 20 per cent smaller than the smallest jaw from Liang Bua.

The research team was careful to say that until more specimens are discovered, they can't say for sure if these even tinier people are the direct ancestors of Homo floresiensis. But the discovery helps resolve some of the arguments about the hobbits' origins. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SYRIA

Thousands flee in push to liberate Aleppo

Thousands of civilians fled a northern Syrian town Wednesday in anticipation of a final push by U.S.-backed forces to liberate it from Daesh rule, as airstrikes pounded rebel-held districts in Aleppo, killing 15 civilians and damaging three hospitals, opposition activists and a UN agency said.

The Syrian Democratic Forces have all but encircled Manbij, a key waypoint on a Daesh supply line between the Turkish border and the extremist group's de facto capital, Raqqa.

Nasser Haj Mansour said Daesh was allowing families to flee the town to nearby Jarablus and al-Bab. Some civilians fled to liberated villages and to the advancing forces, the adviser told the AP by messaging service from his position near the front line. He estimated some 15,000 civilians had fled.

The SDF have retaken some 70 villages and farms from Daesh militants in their campaign, which is now entering its tenth day, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The Kurdish-led force has advanced under the cover of U.S.-led airstrikes, and the U.S. has embedded 300 Special Forces troops with it, though Washington says they are there in an advisory capacity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man sits on the rubble of a destroyed building in Aleppo, Syria on Wednesday after government airstrikes. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Reindeer walk across the road in Suomussalmi, Finland. Finnish herders launched an app to decrease the number of reindeer killed in the northern Arctic. CONTRIBUTED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

Finnish herders hope app will save reindeer

Finnish reindeer herders in the Arctic have painted Rudolph's antlers in fluorescent colours, hung reflectors around their necks and even used movable traffic signs, but none of the efforts have helped reduce the annual 4,000 reindeer road deaths.

Now they have decided on a new tactic: an interactive reindeer warning app where drivers can tap their mobile phone screens to register any reindeer they see and get warnings if they are approaching an area where reindeer have been spotted. They're hoping to save at least some of the 300,000 reindeer that wander freely in the wilds of Lapland, sometimes described as the last wilderness in Europe.

4,000

It's estimated that car accidents are responsible for 4,000 reindeer deaths annually.

In a pilot project, drivers of heavy transport vehicles are being given 1,000 free handsets, which have been deactivated for any other use than the reindeer warning system. If it proves successful, the app will be available for download on smartphones later this year.

Anne Ollila, director of the Finnish Reindeer Herders' Association, said Wednesday the other methods didn't work.

"Drivers often mistook reindeer with reflectors for people in the dark, thinking they wouldn't run into the middle of the road when they saw car headlights approaching," she told The Associated Press. "And the deer would tear the reflectors off."

Reindeer traffic warning signs were pinched by tourists for souvenirs, and reindeer would scrape off the fluorescent paint from their antlers: "Somehow the reindeer know they had paint on their antlers. Maybe their friends laughed at them," Ollila said.

Reindeer husbandry provides work for some 10,000 people in the region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feds study housing market

REAL ESTATE

Examination focuses on affordability, foreign buyers

The federal government is conducting an in-depth examination of the country's real estate markets as it decides whether more changes are needed to rein in escalating prices or curb the impact of foreign investment on housing affordability, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Wednesday.

Bill Morneau
THE CANADIAN PRESS

"What we're doing right now is we're making sure that we have a deep dive into the information to ensure that any considerations we have for change are evidence-based," Morneau said after giving a speech at an economic conference in Toronto.

"Our ongoing goal is to ensure that we understand the market in all of its complexity, that we consider all the evidence to determine what measures are necessary, on an ongoing basis, to ensure that Canadians have the ability to buy homes."

The government has faced growing calls from researchers, bankers and other housing sector observers in recent days to address soaring prices and mounting household debt, particularly in Toronto and Vancouver.

Morneau did not specify Wednesday what sort of changes the government was considering.

The government is looking at a number of factors affecting the real estate industry, such as population growth, the labour market and supply, Morneau said.

"We're going to remain focused on this, using real evidence to think about what are the measures that we can do in order to ensure that this market stays healthy for Canadians," Morneau said.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is scheduled to address The Economist's Canada Summit later Wednesday.

The summit is aimed at identifying the key trends that are reshaping Canada's role in the global economy while delving into ways the country can become more competitive.

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GLOBAL ECONOMY

World Bank reduces forecast

The World Bank is reducing its forecast for the global economy this year — again.

The aid agency predicted Tuesday that the world economy will expand 2.4 per cent this year, down from the 2.9 per cent it expected in January and unchanged from a tepid 2015.

In the years since the world began recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have repeatedly proved too optimistic about the world economy and have had to downgrade their previous forecasts.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE TROUBLE WITH PLEBISCITES

The option of a national referendum is a can of worms that any moderately sane government would think twice before opening.

Canada's current referendum law was conceived in haste, in the heat of a losing constitutional battle almost 25 years ago. It was not designed to bring plebiscites into the electoral culture of the country. So many of its key sections are obsolete that it would have to be rewritten before Canada could have another nationwide referendum.

The Conservatives want such a vote to be a pre-condition to the adoption of the new voting system the Liberals promised to put in place in time for the 2019 election.

If one had to sum up the government's mantra, it would be a referendum on electoral reform if necessary but not necessarily a referendum — with an emphasis on the latter part.

But this is one issue that finds Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offside with public opinion. An Ipsos poll conducted for Global News last month pegged support for a referendum on electoral reform at 73 per cent.

And yet, if it came to that, the debate over a referendum could turn out to be more time-consuming and potentially more divisive than the electoral reform discussion itself.

The existing federal referendum law was passed in the spring of 1992 after barely a month of deliberations in the House of Commons. These days it can take that long just to get a motion to set up a committee adopted.

Although it was Brian Mulroney's Tory government that presented the bill, part of the impetus for it came from the Liberal opposition.

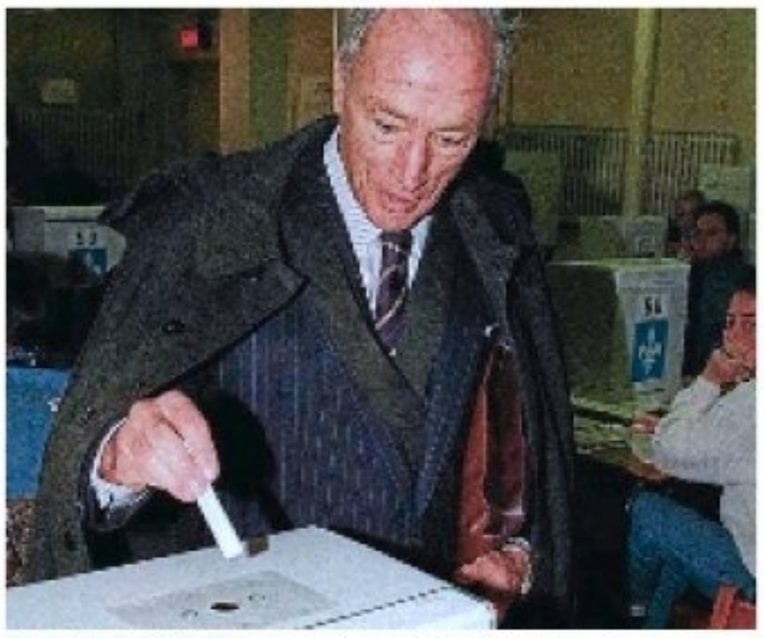
Trudeau has said a referendum is too blunt an instrument to do justice to complex reforms. There was a time when his party believed otherwise.

In an interview with the Star this week, Trudeau maintained that a referendum is too blunt an instrument to do justice to complex reforms. There was a time when his party believed otherwise.

As leader of the opposition, Jean Chrétien championed the notion of putting a constitutional package infinitely more complex than any electoral plan could ever be to a national referendum.

The 1992 law was drafted for the specific purpose of consulting Canadians on constitutional changes. There are contrary views within the legal community as to whether it could be used in a context other than a vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

On this, both sides are really arguing about the number of angels that could dance on the head of a rusty pin.



DECISION POINT Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau casts his ballot for the referendum on the Charlottetown Accord in October 1992. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In 1992, Canada's political system still tapped the rich vein of corporate Canada for money. In the Charlottetown referendum campaign, the big banks and the pharmaceutical industry gave big bucks to the Yes camp. Such contributions have since been banned from the federal system. The referendum law is irremediably out-of-synch with 2016 political financing practices.

And 25 years ago, there was no debate as to what constituted a "clear" referendum mandate. Fifty per cent plus one was the accepted figure. That changed after the 1995 Quebec referendum and a Supreme Court reference that suggested the threshold should be higher. Today, there is no consensus among the federal parties as to what constitutes a "clear" majority. The Liberals, under Trudeau, have consistently maintained that it is more than 50 per cent plus one.

The law is also silent on the regional makeup — if any — of a pan-Canadian majority. After a yes vote to the 1992 Charlottetown accord, the amending formula of the Constitution would have kicked in. Thus, even if an overall majority of Canadians had supported the accord, the national total would have had to minimally include a majority of voters in at least seven provinces including Quebec or Ontario for most of its dispositions to be implemented. It is unlikely that a premier would have signed off on a constitutional deal in the face of the opposition of a majority in his or her province.

In a referendum on electoral reform, the Constitution would offer little firm guidance. Parliament would have to decide whether the sought-after majority should include majorities in every region of the country. Quebec for one would likely insist on the latter.

The Conservatives believe the first-past-the-post system serves their party best. In the face of overwhelming popular pressure for a referendum, they figure Trudeau would abandon his bid to change the voting system rather than put it to a pan-Canadian vote. They may well be right. The option of a national referendum is a can of worms that any moderately sane government would think twice before opening.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

No one has to like Hillary, but we need to respect what her success means

Women have grown tired of "the first female."

Of course we celebrate our sisters' success, but it's a title so dated it feels sexist in itself, a stubborn hangover from the '50s.

We continue to use it out of necessity. Because even in a world where we can now do so much, sexism clings like that gropey, persistent perv at the bar.

As of Tuesday, Hillary Clinton is the first female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party. Let me repeat: A woman could soon be president of the United States of America. That is not just monumental, and historic, it's the motherlode of "first female" headlines.

As John Cassidy in The New Yorker put it: "This was still a huge night for her, for the Democratic Party, and for the country."

Clinton herself clearly felt it — the elated atmosphere of that moment, taking the stage, happy and relaxed. The victory "belongs to generations of women and men who struggled and sacrificed and made this moment possible," she said. The one person she wishes she could share it with, she told The New York Times, is her mother.

The moment, let's note again, is that a group comprising one half the population finally has a shot at the seat of power in America, if not the world.

And yet, some Bernie Sanders supporters — and the entire right wing of the political world — appear unimpressed. Republicans are too partisan to pull support from even a raging racist, never mind celebrate one woman's achievement on behalf of millions of others. But Sanders' supporters? What's their excuse?

Those impassioned by Sanders' socialist revolution raged and rankled at the Associated Press' decision to declare Clinton the primary winner. The sexists attacked women journalists for reporting the news, calling NPR's Tamara Keith a "dumb c--t," Andrea Bernstein of WNYC a "whore" and HuffPost's Mollie Reilly "shrill."

Even the petty, reluctant GirlIGuessImWithHer hashtag, used by a lot of female Sanders supporters, suggests a group seemingly immune to history-in-the-making for women's equality.

Sanders supporters don't have to like Clinton. They don't have to vote for her. But is it really too much to ask for a modicum of respect for this once-unbelievable achievement? This one isn't about you. No really. This isn't about you. It's about all women.

Donald Trump, the presumptive racist, has welcomed dismayed Sanders supporters with "open arms." That raises a question really worth asking. If you can't recognize an unparalleled juncture for HALF the U.S. population, are you really that progressive? Or do you, after all, belong with Trump?

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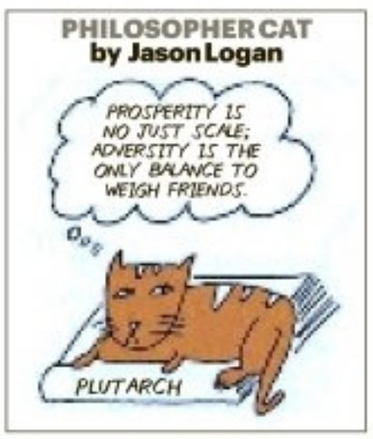

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Bringing East Coast vibes to pop music

Clothes Off singer Ria Mae has found confidence in making pop music. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

INTERVIEW

Singer Ria Mae hasn't forgotten her Halifax roots

Ria Mae would have called herself a folk singer just a few years ago, but lately she's made a deep commitment to the world of pop.

The soft-spoken performer found her spark in a collaboration with rapper Classified, a fellow Halifax native who has become one of her greatest supporters.

He produced her new album and helped Mae — who did away with her real last name MacNutt — find a more confident voice in the process.

"I just wanted to have more fun with it," the singer says of making music.

"Coming from the East Coast, everyone has that traditional guitar-based, drums (sound) and I was listening to pop radio."

Mae can trace her decision to look beyond her folksy vibes, in part, to a Montreal getaway. A night out at the bars inspired last summer's saucy pop single Clothes Off.

The track's seductive bassline hooked Halifax radio programmers and eventually caught the ears of Toronto record executives, who swooped in and signed Mae for her self-titled second album.

Clothes Off went on to become a smash hit on the Canadian radio charts and grabbed a Juno nomination for single of the year — a category based on sales — alongside songs by Justin Bieber, Drake and the Weeknd.

It was a sudden burst of good fortune for an artist who wasn't exactly primed for a life of fame.

Mae was a reclusive teenager who locked herself away in her bedroom as she scribbled down song lyrics and taught herself how to play guitar. Her anti-social rituals hardly concerned her relatives who were avid players in the arts community.

Unlike them, the 14-year-old Mae was only writing songs for herself in those days.

"I was super shy and just kept it hidden," she says. "I used to write about relationships but I never had one. It was just imagination stuff."

It wasn't until the final months before high school graduation that Mae finally stepped before a crowd to play her music.

While she remembers that moment fondly, her priorities quickly shifted once she entered the working world.

Instead of chasing her musical dreams, Mae put on a hard hat and took a position in construction management. Eventually it became clear to her that she shouldn't have made her creative side a low priority.

So Mae quit her job and adjusted her finances to raise enough money to record her first EP.

After gaining some traction on the Halifax music scene and doing some touring, she made plans to pitch a collaboration with Classified, one of the performers she admired in Halifax for his cunning ability to bring hip-hop to a pop audience.

The rapper was interested, to her surprise, and the two began crafting beats together. Eventually it led to him producing her album.

Mae figures the pairing would've never happened if it weren't for their shared local roots.

"(Halifax) makes for some really funny collaborations," she says. "If I grew up in Toronto I wouldn't necessarily be collaborating with the most famous hip-hop artist (in the city)."

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UPCOMING TOUR

Dallas Green reflects on Gord Downie's influence

Dallas Green has been thinking about how Gord Downie shaped him as a musician.

The City and Colour singer-songwriter learned with the rest of us on May 24 that the Tragically Hip frontman is battling terminal brain cancer. Green says he hopes to attend as many of the Hip's upcoming summer shows as his schedule allows, even though he'll be on the road himself for part of the season.

City and Colour play a series of dates across Canada over the next month and a half in support of the 2015 album If I Should Go Before You. This week they perform a number of Alberta concerts before hitting up Regina on Sunday and Winnipeg on June 14. Other shows cover parts of Ontario, Quebec and the East Coast through late July.

You've called Downie a friend for years, and the two of you collaborated on the 2008 song Sleeping Sickness. What was it like working with one of Canada's most beloved songwriters?

He's the gold standard — the way he writes and cares about music and the way he cares about the song. When he came and sang on my record it was a monumental experience of not only how I wanted to continue as a Canadian songwriter, but as a person as well.

What was it like as a budding musician when the Hip was dominating Canadian radio stations and MuchMusic. Did that shape you as an artist?

They mean so much to just about everybody in Canada, but I think as far as Canadian musicians, it might be indescribable to say what they mean to me and people like me, especially my age. I'm a little younger than they are, so I (was) growing up when they're taking over Canada. If you're a musician and you're born in Canada it's in your DNA to like the Tragically Hip.

You're well experienced with the road yourself, having played with hardcore band Alexisonfire for several years before going solo. How do you keep your live performances fresh?

It's the first Canadian tour on the new record so we have a whole bunch of songs to play live for the first time, which is important for me. We're musicians so you can always breathe new life into an old song. I don't think I ever sing a song the same way twice because I don't know how to, in a sense. If I sing a song I wrote 10 years ago it's going to sound different because I'm a different person now — my voice is 10 years older.

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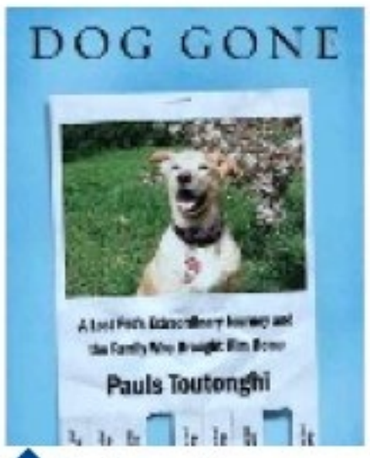
Dallas Green CONTRIBUTED

5 BOOKS FOR ANIMAL LOVERS TO WALLOW IN

The birds and the bees, in addition to dogs, goats and pigs, plus sundry other creatures are leading these latest releases. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

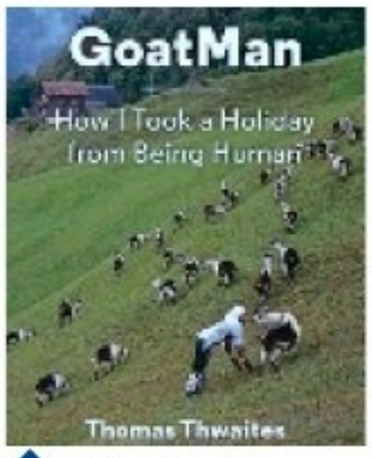
1 Social media

Esther the Wonder Pig: Changing the World One Heart at a Time, Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter with Caprice Crane. This is the memoir of Ontario's own Esther the Wonder Pig, who was adopted in 2012 by Jenkins and Walter as a "micro" pig but soon revealed herself to be a full-size commercial sow who today weighs in at 300 kilos. This amiable book details the early days — failed attempts to housetrain Esther (the sheer volume of pee rules this out) and the dawning realization that they had to figure out alternative strategies for maintaining a porker as a pet. Esther's celebrity breakthrough came when Jenkins and Walter gave her a social media presence. Now she has more than 380,000 likes on Facebook and 185,000 followers on Instagram.



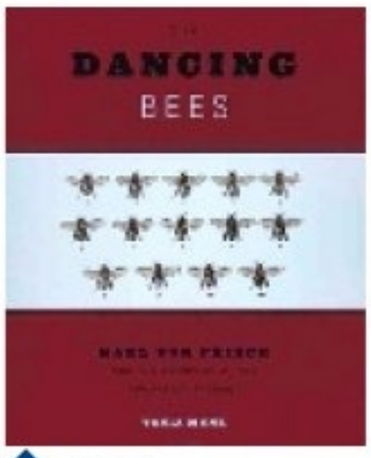
2 Travel

Dog Gone: A Lost Pet's Extraordinary Journey and the Family Who Brought Him Home, Pauls Toutonghi. How often have we read the story of a missing dog or cat that has returned to its family many miles away weeks or months later? This is that story, but this family memoir is more than that, thanks to the storytelling gifts of Pauls Toutonghi, the brother-in-law of Field Marshall, whose golden lab, Gonker, went missing in October, 1998, on the Appalachian Trail.



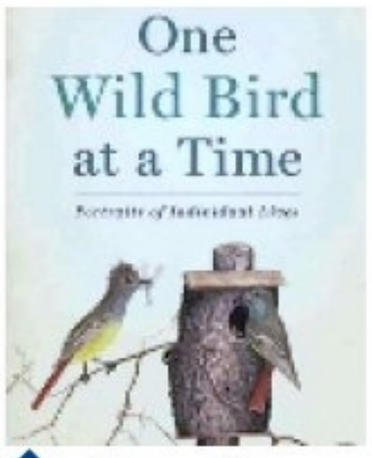
3 Curiosity

GoatMan: How I Took a Holiday from Being Human, Thomas Thwaites. Thomas Thwaites's last venture into the outer reaches of first-person journalism was The Toaster Project in which he figured out how to make a toaster from scratch. In GoatMan, he sets out how to become a goat from scratch. Well, actually, he started out attempting to be an elephant but switched species because of the rarity of pachyderms in his neck of the wood, i.e. England.



4 Science

The Dancing Bees: Karl von Frisch and the Discovery of the Honeybee Language, Tania Munz. This is an unexpectedly interesting book with a dual purpose. It tells the story of Jewish scientist Karl von Frisch (1886-1982) who the Nazis prevented from working with European bees and then compelled him to do so when a collapse of the bee population threatened the pollination of crops and thus the food supply.



5 Memoir

One Wild Bird at a Time: Portraits of Individual Birds, Bernd Heinrich. Heinrich lives in a cabin with large windows in all directions in a clearing in the Maine woods, with lots of berries, seeds and insects — which accounts for his relationships with hawks, vireos, chickadees and grosbeaks, among others. They have become his long-time neighbours, annual visitors or casual drop-ins. Indeed, some have actually homesteaded in his cabin walls.

ANTHOLOGY

Graphic stories of the grotesque

Cinema Purgatorio
BY: Alan Moore and Kevin O'Neill
PUBLISHER: Avatar Press

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Yes, that's a picture of a man getting his arm cut off.

It's mild by the standards of the people behind this book.

This is where it gets really weird. In Cinema Purgatorio, Alan Moore, the legendary writer behind Watchmen, V For Vendetta and so much more, reunites with League of Extraordinary Gentlemen co-conspirator Kevin O'Neill for a horror-themed story that's difficult to describe. Moore set the tone with a bizarre YouTube monologue, filmed in a darkened, tatty cinema.

It's just one part of this anthology series, presented in nifty softback-with-a-spine form, and filled with the work of people like Preacher writer Garth Ennis and World War Z novelist Max Brooks.

Again, much of it defies description, but it draws inspiration from everything from Lovecraft to Pokemon, and none of it is particularly pleasant.

Cinema Purgatorio issue 2 is due out this week, and part one can still be found, if you're brave enough.

BOOK BRIEFS

J.K. Rowling swears fans to secrecy

The curtain has risen on Harry Potter's latest adventure — and J.K. Rowling is urging fans not to ruin the magic by letting its secrets out. Harry Potter and the Cursed Child has had its first preview at London's Palace Theatre, with audience members given buttons urging them to #keepthesecret. The drama picks up the story 19 years after the climax of Rowling's last Potter novel.

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Prolonging adolescence, Gen-X style

NEW NOVEL

Tension in Modern Lovers comes from author's past

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

If there's something wonderfully familiar about Emma Straub's new novel Modern Lovers, thank Jane Austen. Her book may be a contemporary Gen-X story set in a gentrifying Brooklyn neighbourhood, but there's a tenderness and charm to Straub's characters that wouldn't feel out of place among Austen's social comedies.

"Jane Austen is someone who I think about when I'm writing, specifically love stories," says Straub. "I do think about her a lot in terms of structure and pace."

Initially, Straub, who grew up in Brooklyn, planned to write a book focusing on Harry, a quiet "good kid" who initially causes his parents no grief but stealthily gains his independence.

The story grew to include more details about his mother, Elizabeth, a formerly rebellious musician who now sells real estate, and his father, Andrew, a directionless trust-fund baby who becomes involved with a cultish yoga studio.

Then Straub found herself writing more about their relationships with friends and neighbours, and so the story expanded to include Zoe and Jane, who own a local bistro, and their daughter, Ruby, whom Harry begins sleeping with.

Much of the tension in Modern Lovers originates from an era about 25 years in the past, back to when Elizabeth, Andrew and Zoe performed in a college rock band called Kitty's Mustache.

The fourth member, Lydia, went on to become famous, in part thanks to a Riot Grrrl-ish anthemic song written by Elizabeth. Although Lydia died from a drug overdose at age 27 — the same age that Amy Winehouse, Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin passed away — her cultish legacy and a personal secret continues to haunt the group.

"I didn't want to model her too closely on anyone but in my head Lydia is a female Kurt Cobain," says Straub, who claims to have no musical abilities, though she worked for the indie band The Magnetic Fields for a decade selling merch.

In many ways, Straub's hormone-fuelled teenage characters have as much control over their emotional lives as the 40-something adults who are all struggling with issues of identity, security and creative fulfillment.

Does how you relate to your loved ones change as you become entrenched in middle age? What happens when the cool touchstones of your youth become relegated to foggy memories and retro nights?

"That generation is also the first generation to reject outright adulthood in a certain way," says Straub.

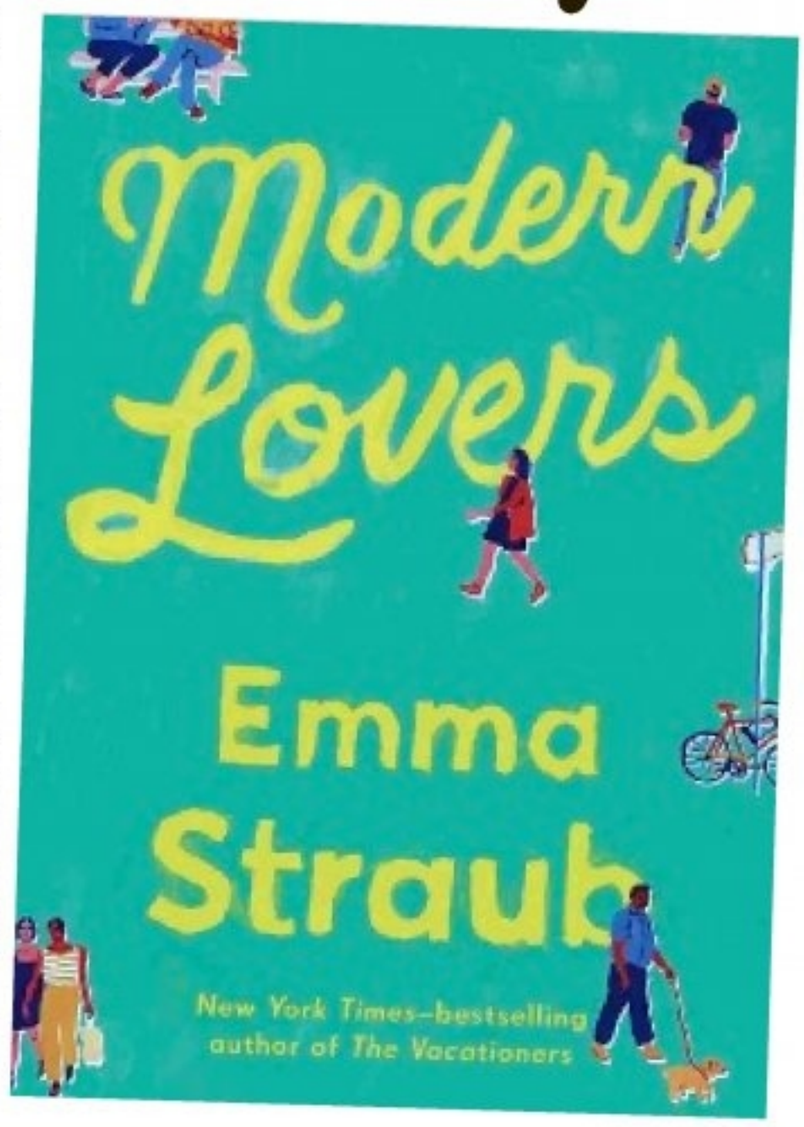
"The baby boomers really were all about being adults having steady feet. Generation X is the first to really prolong adolescence, and that is certainly the case for my characters."

Despite whatever turmoil Straub's characters find themselves in, it's clear that in her world, family rules. While writing her 2014 best-selling novel The Vacationers, she was pregnant with her first child, and is now touring Modern Lovers (including a date at Toronto's Appel Salon on June 13), with her four-month-old son.

"I think about my family all day, every day, and that certainly has affected the way I think about my characters and their lives and their families," says Straub. "Nothing drives me more than my relationships with my family. And so it seems natural that would be the case with my books, too."

"I didn't want to model her too closely on anyone but in my head Lydia is a female Kurt Cobain"
Author Emma Straub

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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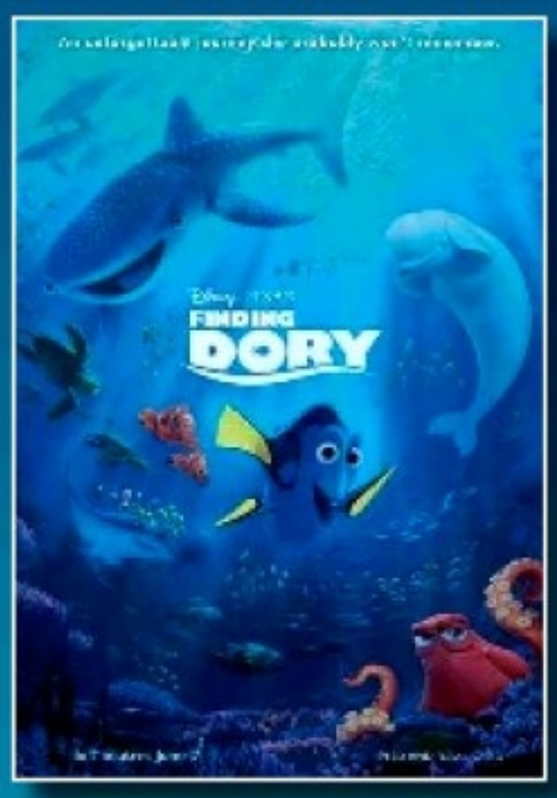

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Adele buys sprawling L.A. mansion for $9.5 million U.S.

MEET THE CONDO

Kanata condos coming soon

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Project overview

BRIGIL Homes' Kanata Lakes project is a four-storey condominium that offers eight different unit types and multiple amenities such as a fitness centre, interior parking and storage lockers. Already, the first two buildings are sold out and Phase 3 is 57 per cent sold.

Housing amenities

Each unit has a patio or balcony and the units are finished with hardwood floors, large windows and granite countertops in the bathroom and kitchen. The units also include a washer and dryer and a forced air high efficiency furnace-programmable thermostat.

Location and transit

Just off the Highway 417 exit to Terry Fox, the condo is in the heart of Kanata. It is easy to get downtown, whether by car or by bus, but Kanata also has all the daily necessities. There are numerous shops, grocery stores, recreational centres, schools and restaurants in the area.

In the neighbourhood

Kanata provides a great balance of casual suburban living and downtown amenities. Just minutes away from the Canadian Tire Centre, it's easy to get to concerts or hockey games. There are also plenty of green spaces, golf courses and parks nearby for residents to enjoy.

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What: Kanata Lakes
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Designer: BRIGIL Homes
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Building: Four-storey condominium
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Pricing: Starting at $200,000
Model: One to two bedrooms, one bathroom
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"We get emails to this day from couples who've had their Bates bedspread since the '50s, when they got married. A woman told me, 'My bedspread lasted longer than my marriage," said Bianca Cloutier, 29, vice-president of sales and marketing for Maine Heritage Weavers.

The company's woven bedspreads and coverlets have old-school names such as Cape Cod, featuring a '70s coastal shell theme, and Martha Washington's Choice, in colours including maroon and sage green. That popular intricate design — with loops of chenille cotton pulled upward from the fabric to make raised flower patterns — is based on a 1940s Bates design recreated from a bedspread that George Washington chose for his wife when they married.

> **A woman told me, 'My bedspread lasted longer than my marriage.'**
> Bianca Cloutier, Maine Heritage Weavers

Also, search for online weaving communities and classes, and invest in a small and simple hand loom.

"While a loom is a machine, it takes a craftsperson to use it," sais Bob Christnacht, vice-president of global sales for the 153-year-old Portland, Ore.-based Pendleton, a blanket, bedding and clothing company that boasts six generations of family ownership.

"Weaving is very visceral and emotional, and part of our human heritage," Christnacht said.

"Your bed, too, is a very personal place, and there's an emotional and personal obligation to it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Spirit of America Bates bedspread in a home in Pasadena, Calif., woven by Maine Heritage Weavers. SOLVEJ SCHOU

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Cristiano Ronaldo's two first-half goals helped Portugal to a 7-0 demolition of Estonia in the last warmup before the Euros.

Canadian women bring youth and talent to Rio

SOCCER

Scoring still an issue 2 months from Olympics

Four years ago in Moncton, with Diana Matheson playing provider, Canada beat China 1-0 on a Christine Sinclair stoppage-time goal in its last game on home soil before the London Olympics.

Thanks to another assist from Matheson, the Canadian women did it again Tuesday night when they dispatched Brazil 1-0 deep into added time to end their pre-Rio Canadian campaign on a winning note.

In 2012, the Canadians went on to win bronze at the Summer Games. The odds are likely longer on a podium finish this time around but Tuesday's gritty performance in Ottawa showed 10th-ranked Canada will be worth watching at the Olympics with its veteran core surrounded by promising youth.

It was an impressive bounce-back after a disappointing 2-0 loss to No. 8 Brazil in Toronto on Saturday.

"I thought the first game the players struggled a little bit at home playing at home in front of the fans. But tonight they certainly got to grips with it and I thought, at times, showed what the potential is of this team pushing into Rio," said coach John Herdman.

Playing a 4-3-3 with Sinclair lurking slightly behind fellow forwards Deanne Rose and Matheson, the Canadians showed a fluid attack. Just 17, Rose adds pace to the guile and vision of Sinclair and Matheson.

Sophie Schmidt and a poised Jessie Fleming, just 18, pulled the strings in midfield while 20-year-old midfielder-turned-fullback Ashley Lawrence, a star in the making, marauded down the left flank. At times, the only way the Brazilians could stop her was to deck her.

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The number of players on the team under the age of 23.

Centre backs Kadeisha Buchanan, 20, and Shelina Zadorsky, 23, were on point. And goalkeeper Stephanie Labbe was solid at the back when needed.

Janine Beckie, a 21-year-old who scored the winning goal Tuesday, has proved to be dangerous with nine goals in 18 appearances (11 starts).

With 11 players under the age of 23, there's more than a little Forrest Gump in this team. When it comes to the Canadian women, like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get.

While there are plenty of crowd-pleasers, some are still learning on the international scene.

Goals remain hard to get. In its last eight games dating back to the 2-0 loss to the top-ranked Americans in the final of the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament in February, the Canadians have seven goals.

On Tuesday, Canada created a string of chances but was unable to convert until the last kick of the match. Herdman acknowledges scoring remains a challenge.

"That's the dream for us — putting away a Tier 1 team by two goals, three goals. But it's our current reality. The games are going to be tight. We have to dampen the expectations. We are going to have to fight in games and grit it out. And then hopefully the quality comes though with some of the players we added." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Janine Beckie, second from right, celebrates her stoppage-time goal against Brazil on Tuesday night at TD Place. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

TENNIS

Sharapova banned for 2 years

Maria Sharapova was suspended Wednesday for two years for failing a drug test, labelled "the sole author of her own misfortune" because she hid regular pre-match use of a newly banned substance from anti-doping authorities and members of her own entourage.

The tennis star said she would appeal what she called "an unfairly harsh" punishment to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The ban, handed down by a three-person Tennis Anti-Doping Program tribunal appointed by the International Tennis Federation, is backdated to Jan. 26, when Sharapova last played. She tested positive for meldonium that day after losing to Serena Williams in the Australian Open quarterfinals. The panel said various elements of Sharapova's case "inevitably lead to the conclusion" that she took the substance "for the purpose of enhancing her performance."

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Sharapova is one of 10 women in tennis history with a career Grand Slam.

Sharapova, who faced up to a four-year suspension, loses all ranking points and prize money she earned in Melbourne.

More significantly, if her suspension withstands an appeal and runs through Jan. 25, 2018, the 29-year-old Russian will wind up missing this year's Rio de Janeiro Olympics and a total of eight Grand Slam tournaments during what might have been prime competitive years.

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Maria Sharapova
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MLB

Blue Jays break out bats to avoid sweep

Josh Donaldson had three hits, including a three-run homer and a triple, and R.A. Dickey won consecutive starts for the first time since last summer, helping the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Detroit Tigers 7-2 Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer and Kevin Pillar added a two-run triple as Toronto stopped Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Dickey (4-6) allowed two runs and nine hits in 5-1/3 innings. Combined with Friday's victory at Boston, he won back-to-back outings for the first time since Aug. 28 against Detroit and Sept. 2 versus Cleveland.

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WEDNESDAY In Detroit

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IN BRIEF

Vince Carter wins NBA's top teammate award

Memphis Grizzlies guard Vince Carter has won the Twyman-Stokes Teammate of the Year award.

The award recognizes the player deemed the best teammate based on selfless play, leadership on and off the court as a mentor or role model, plus commitment and dedication to the team.

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ALI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Ticket holders look to cash in on death

Muhammad Ali, who long ago began crafting the plan for his final tribute, insisted the tickets for his memorial service be free. But on Wednesday, after the tickets were handed out, some people looked to make a profit.

People started arriving outside the KFC Yum! Center in Louisville late Tuesday, hours ahead of the ticket distribution. The line stretched around the arena. Thousands of tickets for Ali's memorial service Friday were claimed on a first-come, first-served basis in about an hour.

Given the supply-and-demand factor for about 15,000 seats in the arena, some ticket holders immediately looked to cash in, going online offering to sell theirs to the star-studded event.

Ali family spokesman Bob Gunnell denounced the profiteering, saying he was "disgusted and amazed" with the turn of events.

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RECIPE Sweet Potato and Kale Frittata

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You can't beat the appeal of eggs for dinner and but we gave this hearty dish a nutritional one-two punch thanks to the help of kale and sweet potato.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 pound frozen chopped kale
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 cups boiled diced sweet potato (about 1 large potato)
- 6 eggs
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1 tsp fresh, chopped parsley

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. In an ovenproof skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and kale and cook until garlic fragrant and kale wilted.

2. Add potatoes and soften, about 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, whisk eggs and milk. Pour egg mixture over potatoes and kale, and cook on stovetop another 3 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley.

4. Transfer skillet to oven and bake about 6 to 8 minutes or until eggs are set.

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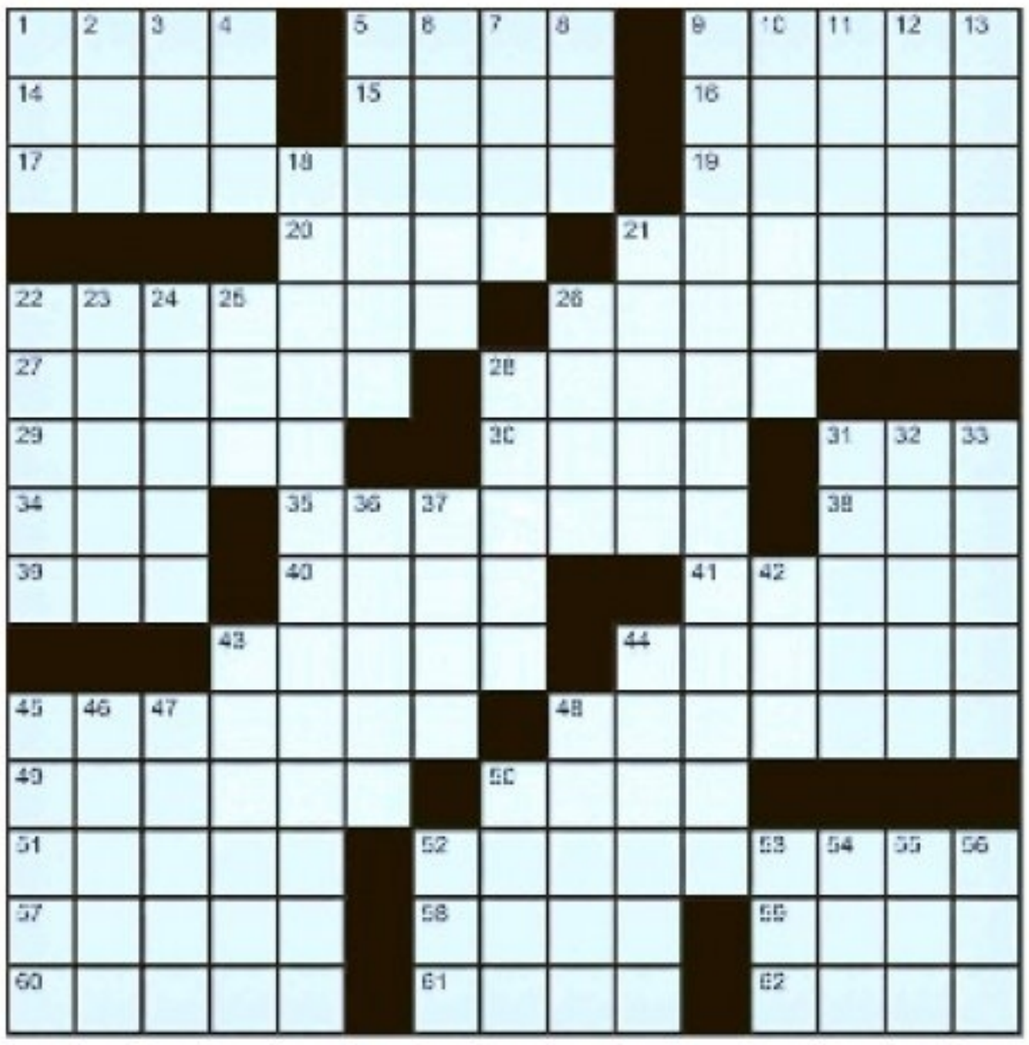
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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1. '500' car race
5. "Last Comic Standing" laugh-getter
9. Athenian lawmaker
14. Grimace
15. Port city of Algeria
16. 1985 movie for Canadian actress Kate Nelligan, co-starring John Malkovich
17. Home's curb appeal area: 2 wds.
19. TNT-using result!
20. Bun
21. English band, __ Chiefs
22. Around-the-house comfy loose dresses
26. Old bagpipe instrument of France
27. Except if...
28. Mr. Gingrich's
29. Swiss chocolates brand
30. Pro's foe
31. Sovereign, e.g.
34. Grind __ halt
35. North __ River (Body of water for the southern Quebec zoo town of Granby)
38. Grazing land
39. Entries
40. Receptive
41. Baseball great Mr. Ryan
43. Type of citizenship [pl.]
44. Declining
45. "Don Juan __" (1994)
48. Lamentations
49. Disinclined
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51. __ whale
52. Historic military attraction in Kingston, Ontario: 2 wds.
57. Emily Carr's prop
58. Automatic
59. Be open-wide
60. Eat energetically
61. Mr. Redding
62. Fitness facilities

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1. Global currency org.
2. Hide Hair link
3. Simon & Garfunkel
4. Japan currency
5. Gleeful
6. Verbal tests
7. Mr. Malden
8. Finish
9. Canadian rock singer who has starred on Broadway and began his career as Skid Row's lead singer: 2 wds.
10. Namesakes of Kukla and Fran's co-star
11. Last but not what?
12. Start
13. Saltpetre
18. Blue Rodeo
song: 2 wds.
21. Kourtney, Kim and Khloe's show [acronym]
22. __-faceted
23. __ Station, commuters hub in downtown Toronto
24. Arm bones
25. Pre-__ student
26. YMCA's 'M'
28. Some flatbreads
31. Writer wife of composer Irving Berlin
32. Intended
33. Hungry feelings
36. Speedily
37. "Canadian Idol" Season 5 winner Brian
42. Sash
43. What the sky becomes as the day turns to night
44. Privileged classes
45. Judi Dench, and others
46. Mineral water brand
47. High IQ society
48. PQ = __ Quebecois
50. Plunder
52. To and __
53. __ timer
54. Yea not
55. Circling stat.
56. "For sure."

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get carried away with disputes about money, inheritances and shared property. Will an argument really change anything? Stay calm, and rely on logic instead of a hot temper.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Difficulties with spouses, partners and close friends are likely today, because Mercury is in your sign, opposing fiery Mars. (Yikes!) This means people are ready to fight!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are mentally restless today; however, you can use this energy for research or to seek out answers to problems. Focus your search in one area.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Difficulties with a friend or perhaps a member of a group might arise today. Basically, it's a gun fight at the O.K. Corral. Who has the biggest weapon?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Difficulties with authority figures are likely today, which is why this is a poor day to ask for approval or permission for anything. Just keep a low profile and don't go looking for trouble.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they will quickly deteriorate into a nasty argument. Mostly, this is because people want to fight.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Disputes about inheritances and shared property are likely today. This is a poor day for these kinds of discussions; therefore, wait for a better day.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Difficulties with partners and close friends are likely today because fiery Mars is in your sign opposing Mercury, which is directly opposite you. Chill out.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Squabbles with co-workers or people related to your job are likely today. However, it takes two to make a fight, right? Therefore, refuse to engage. Time to go fishing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be patient with kids today, because they are just as likely to quarrel as you are. Knowing this, direct people's attention to things you have in common.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid family disputes today, because it's just not worth it. Family is gold. Every time you have family dissension, everyone loses.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a mildly accident-prone day, because you might be emotionally upset about something. Just keep calm and carry on. Truer words were never spoken. An agitated mind will lead to accidents.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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